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*Reports from San Juan and subports for the month of December, 1900.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *January 5, 1901.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of transactions of the Service at this and the 6 subports of Porto Rico, for the month of December, 1900:

*San Juan.*—Total number of vessels inspected, 18. The Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay* arrived on the 19th instant from Havana via South American ports. The baggage of her local passengers was disinfected, and the vessel held in quarantine under guard while here. Seven pieces of baggage were disinfected. The provisional flag steamship *Julia*, entered here on the 19th from Cuban ports. She had been disinfected at Santiago as usual.

On the 30th the provisional flag steamship *Maria Herrera* arrived from Havana via other Cuban ports and Puerto Plata. She had been disinfected at Santiago, her last Cuban port of call. Two nonimmune passengers were detained one day to complete their five days' observation period. Thirty three pieces of baggage taken on at Puerto Plata were disinfected here.

One bag of mail, which arrived on the French steamship *St. Simon* from Puerto Plata on the 18th instant, was disinfected here.

The sanitary condition of the city remains about as previously reported.

The following is a report of the vessels inspected at the subports: Mayaguez, 18; Arecibo, 6; Humacao, 4; Aguadilla, 7; Fajardo, 2; Arroyo, 5.

Mortality reports from the subports are as follows: Mayaguez, 124; Arecibo, 89; Humacao, 40; Aguadilla, 32; Arroyo, 18; Fajardo, 13.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for December, 1900.*

Rachitis.....	5	Hypertrophy of the heart.....	1
Gastroenteritis.....	3	Myelitis.....	1
Anæmia.....	3	Meningo-encephalitis.....	1
Bronchitis.....	3	Tetanus (traumatic).....	1
Broncho-pneumonia.....	1	Suicide (by hanging).....	1
Cerebral congestion.....	1	Septicæmic embolus.....	1
Hepatic cirrhosis.....	1	Addison's disease.....	1
Encephalitis.....	1	Bulbar ischæmia.....	1
Enteritis.....	4	Anthrax.....	1
Eclampsia.....	1		
Gastric fever.....	1	Total.....	54
Enterocolitis.....	3		
Typhoid fever.....	2	December, 1899—	
Hepatitis.....	1	Births.....	75
Malaria.....	2	Deaths.....	79
Nephritis.....	1	December, 1900—	
Tetanus (infantile).....	1	Births.....	66
Pulmonary tuberculosis.....	10	Deaths.....	54
Asistolia.....	1		